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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of November 4th, with the information about Gordon McLendon's idea to produce a television series about the CIA. It is good to know there are people like that who really want to help.

In the past several months we have had two or three similar proposals. But none have gotten off the ground for one reason or another. The primary problem in each case, however, was finding the story material necessary to sustain a series without getting into areas of sensitivity due to sources and methods. In addition, our mission is very unlike the FBI's and doesn't really lend itself to the law enforcement format. I'm sure you understand these problems very well.

However, I would be happy to meet with Gordon at a mutually convenient time and place to talk over his ideas in greater detail. Please ask him to get in touch with (telephone to set up something.

Thanks again for taking the time to bring us together with this idea. I hope something can be worked out.

Yours.

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Dear Stan:

Gordon McLendon of Dallas, Texas is a friend of mine who is vitally interested in helping strengthen the image of the CIA in this country. He recently gave a first class speech to the Association of Retired Intelligence Officers. The speech was put into the Congressional Record by Senators Goldwater and Randolph.

Gordon McLendon has built a large communications empire - radio, TV, etc. He knows the communications business inside out.

Gordon would like to see CIA be the subject of a TV series like the FBI series which has done so much for the bureau. I told Gordon that when I was Director we considered such a plan with ABC but that we ran into stumbling blocks over final control of editorial content. Gordon assures me that this would not be a problem.

I know how busy you are. Would you be willing to visit with Gordon McLendon for a bit, perhaps turning him over to Capt. Hetu after that?

Gordon has all the money he needs. He is motivated in this purely by his conviction that we need a strong CIA supported by the American people. He has noted, with interest, your efforts along the same line.

He would fly up to Langley at your convenience.

Most sincerely,

George Bush

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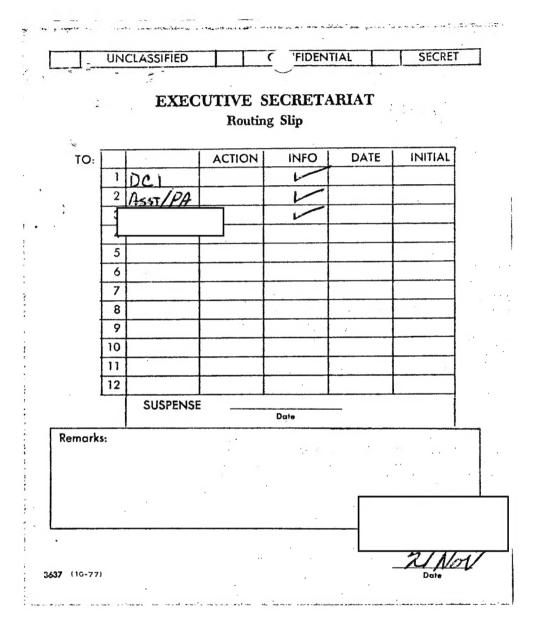
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